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From: pzettler [pjz@gci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:39 PM
To: Notti; Emil R (CED)
Cc: Morton; Ginger L (CED); Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Proposed 12 AAC 36.500-550 Continuing Education for Professional Architects, Engineers and Landscape Architects

Dear Mr. Notti:

Your Board of Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors is moving forward to adopt regulation 12 AAC 36.500-550 mandating Continuing Education for Professional Architects, Engineers and Landscape Architects at their upcoming August meeting. The stated purpose of the proposed regulation is "*to maintain a continuing level of competency and standards for professional architects, engineers, and landscape architects, in order to promote the public health, safety and welfare within the State.*"

The AELS Board provided notice of the proposed regulations in February 2007 and received public comments through April 2007. Comments were received from licensees, businesses, professional societies and State agencies. With exception of the professional societies (who sell continuing education), the vast majority of comments were opposed to the pending regulations. Some of the reasons for opposition include:
- No acknowledgement of the cost of the proposed regulations (the Board has declared them to be no cost despite assertions to the contrary by DOT Commissioner and DNR staff).
- No quantitative cost/benefit analysis.
- No acknowledgement of the additional administrative burden to DCCED to administer the proposed regulations including audits, record keeping and litigation.
- No demonstrated correlation between design professional's performance with mandatory CE and those not submitting to a mandatory CE
- No analysis to show the proposed regulations would accomplish their stated purpose.
- Vague, subjective requirements will inevitably lead to disputes and litigation.

I invite you to peruse the public comments. For your convenience I have attached several letters of opposition to the proposed regulations that were submitted by your sister agencies

The AELS Board has failed to do their homework on 12 AAC 36.500-550, ignored valid public concerns and is proceeding with a regulation that could cost $10,000,000 to $15,000,000 per year (maybe more). The AELS Board's pursuit to adopt 12 AAC 36.500-550 is totally out of touch with the current Administration's philosophy of fiscal responsibility and responsible government

I am requesting that your office require the Board to postpone adoption of 12 AAC 36.500-550 Continuing Education for Professional Architects, Engineers and Landscape Architects until the impacts have been documented to the satisfaction of the Governor, OMB and are made available for public review/comment. Documentation should include:
- Tangible evidence that mandatory CE will actually improve the public health, safety and welfare within the State.
- Quantitative cost benefit analysis (including who pays the cost and who receives the benefit)

Please let me know if your office can fulfill this request. If you or anyone on your staff would

like to discuss this issue further or seek clarification to anything in my letter, you can contact me at 907-227-6173 or e-mail: pjz@gci.net

Sincerely

Patrick J. Zettler P.E.
3312 West 30th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99517

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 11:03 AM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Friendly reminder & update: Invitation to address the 9th FAR NORTH OIL & GAS FORUM - November 26-27, 2007, TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary
Importance: High

From: Victor Pogostin [mailto:VPogostin@insightinfo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 10:46 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Parnell, Sean R (GOV)
Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Friendly reminder & update: Invitation to address the 9th FAR NORTH OIL & GAS FORUM - November 26-27, 2007, TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary
Importance: High

Dear Governor Palin and Lieutenant Governor Parnell,

Almost all speakers to the event are confirmed.

Please kindly advise me about your willingness to address this event.

If it is too early to confirm, with you permission, I can put "tentative" in the conference brochure.

Kind regards,

Dr. Victor Pogostin

Senior Executive-Conference Developer

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From: Victor Pogostin
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2007 11:41 AM
To: 'Governor@gov.state.ak.us'; 'Sean_Parnell@gov.state.ak.us'
Cc: Sandy Carpenter; 'Green, Jeff'
Subject: Invitation to address the 9th FAR NORTH OIL & GAS FORUM - November 26-27, 2007, TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary

9th FAR NORTH OIL & GAS FORUM - November 26-27, 2007, TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary

Dear Governor Palin,

Please find attached for your kind consideration the confidential draft program for the 2007 event, presented by Insight Information/ALM.

The Co-chairs of the event Sandy Carpenter, Partner, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin and Jeff Green, Jeff Green, Principal & Senior VP, Northern and Marine Jacques Whitford - AXYS Ltd., and I have the honor to invite you or The Honorable Sean Parnell to make the keynote lunch address on November 26, 2007.

As you may know, Insight Information is a leading provider of programs for North American, business, executive, professional and aboriginal communities. Since 1979, we have held conferences and seminars focusing on current issues and topics facing executives today. *Over the past seven years, over* 1700 *registrants have gained valuable insight into oil and gas operations in the North at this conference. Sean Parnell addressed this event in the past.*

Please kindly advise me about your willingness to accept this invitation. Due to time constraints in printing our conference brochure, your early advice will be truly appreciated.

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5th Atlantic Canada Power Summit, Sept. 25-26, 2007, Delta Brunswick Hotel, Saint John, NB

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8th Alberta Power Summit, Nov.5-6 & Carbon Trading Seminar Nov.7,2007, Metropolitan Centre, Calgary

9th Far North Oil & Gas Forum, November 26-27, 2007, TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary

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From: Frye, Ivy J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 10:15 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Wev

You just got a shout out from wev on the news :)

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:40 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Knik and Gravina Re: Meeting Wednesday August 1

The bridge money is on hold and available for other national highway projects. The road money that was part of the earmark is not really available to return to the feds. The contract was signed and we are liable to pay the contractor. The project was separate from the bridge money and was intended to open access to additional forrest land. I asked DOT if the work was scheduled to be done soon and they replied that it would be this year. The problem we were presented coming in was that if we stopped all the work on the road, we may have had a partial project completed, and may have been required to pay the contractor and even cancel another road project to get the funds to pay back the feds.

Whenever I am asked by a concerned citizen, I tell them that it was this administration that put the hold on the gravina bridge due to the high costs and lack of funding.

Mike

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Tue Jul 31 19:33:58 2007

Subject: Re: Knik and Gravina Re: Meeting Wednesday August 1

I haven't seen the frontiersman article.

Is giving the $ back to the feds and option? It would gain us more than it would cost us. Why wouldnt DOT have presented that option to me?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 18:05:35

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Knik and Gravina Re: Meeting Wednesday August 1

I talked to McKinnon and Leo today. Everything is still on hold on the bridge. The notice to proceed for the design work has not gone out. The Lt. Gov when visiting Ketchikan also passed along that there are funding issues and selection the most expensive option was definitely not viable. The road project on the island is continuing but there is not much we can do there. It was a federal earmark that we can not use on anything else. Also since the award was already made to the contractor prior to us coming in we would have been exposed to damages to the contractor and even paying the feds back if were to stop the work.

We do need to get an update on KABATA. I asked DOT about the article in the Frontiersman today. They were confused as well and called the paper to inquire. I was told that the following correction will be run.

Mike

Mike,

The Frontiersman will be printing this correction to their article. It corrects some numbers, but remains somewhat confusing

John

A Sunday, July 29 article in The Frontiersman, "DOT May Change Its Priorities For Knik Bridge," should have stated that funding for the Knik Arm Bridge will rise if the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority can organize private sector and public funding. Also, the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan identified $1.4 billion in annual transportation needs, rather than the $6 billion figure quoted. The Frontiersman regrets the error.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:46 AM

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Von Scheben, Leo (DOT); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

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Talis

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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:11 PM
To: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Campbell; Craig (MVA); Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mills; Andy J (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Veteman Hunt Extensions

Thank you Denby!

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)" <denby.lloyd@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 20:14:04

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Campbell, Craig (MVA)" <craig.campbell2@us.army.mil>,"Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Mills, Andy J (GOV)" <andy.mills@alaska.gov>,"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Veternan Hunt Extensions

Governor:

I have asked staff to review our authorities and concerns with your request to allow hunting season extensions for returning servicemen. I hope to have some detailed information for you in the next couple days.

Gen. Campbell: Can you give us more information: e.g., more precisely they will be returning, how many of them there are, and where they reside?

DL.

Denby S. Lloyd

Commissioner

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

P.O. Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

907-465-4719

Mike and Mike and Denby and Craig: the #1 request I got from Alaskan troops in Kuwait was for an extension of hunting season - this is their second moose/caribou season they have to miss bc of the Guard's deployment timing. I told them (there aren't that many who'd utilize the extention) that I'd do ALL I could to let them fill their freezers this year. They return in October and need a few weeks to hunt. The Bush Ak troops - all Natives whom I spoke with - asked for this. I think it's perfect and request that this be allowed for them. Rep Nancy Dallstrom told me whatever she can do with this request, she'll do. Can this be done via Ex or Admin Order? I thought it was an awesome request. Proxy hunts possible? Xtention for them to hunt when they return (that's what they want to do...).

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [sharon.leighow@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 7:10 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: #1 - letter from Rob Wells

Governor, Kris:

Please disregard the earlier email. As I was working on a response, I inadvertantly hit send.

Kristin responded to the ADN - she basically said that any decision Mr. Wells made would not have a significant impact on Mat Maid.

Stephanie from Daily News was looking for controversy that isn't there.

Sorry for the confusion.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Tue Jul 31 17:48:36 2007

Subject: #1 - letter from Rob Wells

I didnt get to read the letter tho. So also ask Kris her input

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 01:47:31

To:"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: letter from Rob Wells

Pls add that i have great confidence in the new board and its committment to finding solutions to the challenges facing AK's ag industry.

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:43:42

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: letter from Rob Wells

Governor:

Have you read the letter Rob Wells sent to you regarding his plan to possibly put his hormone free milk venture on hold? ADN would like a comment.

How about something like:

The governor is pleased with the spirit of cooperation that has come about as we seek long and short-term solutions to the Mat Maid situation. Mr. Wells' offer to withdraw his proposal to produce hormone free milk is being vetted by the Board of Agriculture. Governor Palin

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 3:06 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Todd Palin
Subject: IOGCC

J: if you can find anything on the mtg in Sept in New Orleans, pls let me know. They should have an agenda out by now, maybe?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 2:59 PM
To: Katz; John W (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Larry A Persily; Bishop; Samuel T (GOV); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: NGA/Natural Resources Committee

Thanks so much John. Glad we'll have this opportunity to work formally with NGA on those priorities so important to AK that you've outlined in your email - especially energy policy.

I look forward to future reports on our new role in NGA, and I appreciate your work in getting me the gig as vice chair of the committee.

Also, Kris will contact you soon regarding your DC office's role in the PPT special session that I shall call - to be held in October.

Thanks!

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:50:11

To:"Kris Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>,"Sam Bishop" <sbishop@ALASKADC.org>,"Larry Hartig" <larry_hartig@dec.state.ak.us>,"Denby Lloyd" <denby_lloyd@fishgame.state.ak.us>,"Joseph Balash" <joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us>,"Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>,"Mike Nizich" <mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: NGA/Natural Resources Committee

We met today with staffs of the Natural Resources Committee of NGA = and Governor Manchin, the next Chair of the Committee, to discuss agendas = and logistics for the year when Governor Palin will be Vice-Chair. =

Subject to your approval, we identified three high priority issues = for the Committee to pursue. These issues are climate change, energy = policy, and the Endangered Species Act. Governor Manchin is quite = anxious to pursue a coal-to-liquids initiative. We had no problem = with this, but indicated Alaska's desire to focus on responsible oil and = gas

development as an essential element of national energy policy. = The NGA does not deal with state specific issues, preferring instead to = work on generic initiatives. (However, existing NGA policy does = mention the need to commercialize North Slope natural gas.)

The Natural Resources Committee has developed a list of policy = resolutions that will sunset at the winter meeting. None of these is = deemed to be particularly controversial, and they should not require much = time between now and the winter meeting.

Regarding logistics, the staffs of the Natural Resources = Committee, Governor Manchin, and this office will meet every two = weeks for the time being to discuss progress in achieving agenda items.&nbs= p; Later, we will meet weekly as the winter meeting approaches. = There will be periodic meetings/teleconferences of the staffs for each = Governor represented on the Natural Resources Committee, and either = Governor Manchin's staff or this office will chair these meetings.

The NGA staff will do most of the heavy lifting in preparation for = the NGA winter meeting and in the interim period. Such work will = entail writing draft letters and resolutions for consideration by the = Chair and Vice-Chair of the Natural Resources Committee and the = identification of speakers and drafting talking points for the winter = meeting.

We all felt good about today's meeting. I think Governor = Manchin and his staff will be easy for the Palin administration to work = with, and the Committee staff are eager to assist. We will give = you periodic reports as matters proceed.

Please let me know if you have any comments or questions regarding = the foregoing.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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From: Todd Palin [fek9wnr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 2:50 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Sarah Palin; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Austerman; Joseph M (CED)
Subject: Fwd: [FWD: LETTER TEXT]

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Juneau access rd is, unfortunately, in this same category (until long-term funding solutions can be found).

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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:48 AM
To: karen.russell@nsbsd.org
Subject: RE: Education

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:52 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Education

Web mail from: Ms. Karen Hopson-Russell

address: PO Box 19 Barrow AK 99723

907-852-5311

MESSAGE:

Good morning from the Top of the World, Barrow Alaska. My name is Karen, I rnwork for the North Slope Borough School District, Executive Assistant/rnCommunications Coordinator in the Superintendent's office. rnrnThe NSBSD Barrow Whaler Football Team will be hosting their first football game of rnthe 2007/08 season on the new ProjectTurf on August 18, 2007, we would like to rncordially invite you to attend this history making event with the Barrow Whaler rnteam. The visiting team will be the Seward Seahawks.rnrnIf you can send me confirmation that you will be able to attend or not, I would rnappreciate that very much. If you should have any questions, please do not rnhesitate to ask, I may be reached at 907-852-5311 ext. 1530 or 852-9530, or via rnmy E-mail address at karen.russell@nsbsd.org.rnrnThank you in advance,rnrnKaren Hopson-RussellrnrnBARROW HIGH GRADUATE OF 1982!!

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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 8:07 AM
To: mlayman@mtaonline.net
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 6:20 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Michael Layman

address: P.O box 877428 Wasilla AK 99687

MESSAGE:

I have lived in this state for 16 years now and am growing very disinterested in Alaskan hunting. Why is that? I fully understand the tier 2 system but I dont understand the strange way you now grade this hunt based on income. Yea I make over 100K per year and yea I can afford the meat. What about enjoyment of the hunt itself, what about taking my grandson hunting in this area, the real things of hunting seem lost in the interest of just having something to screw up. rnrnDrawing permits, do you know how dissapointing it is year after year to look at the web site only to discover "you did not win any of the hunts you applied for"? Under the current Random computer drawing, I have little or no chance, year after year the results are the same. I have sent simular email to the ADFG asking them to consider preference points. Most lower 48 states use this system and even I would have some hope of a tag at some point, If I lived long enough.I never got a response.rnrnDoes!

this sound like a lot of whining? It probably is but I am very discouraged with the current system. This year I have decided to just buy a Bison from the folks in Delta. I will willingly pay the $3500 for meat with a known origin. I would gladly pay the state that same money for some of your tags.rnrnPlease dont respond with the usual "we appreciate your comments and they will be passed on to the govenor" Either actully look into this problem or delete it, dont dissapoint me further trying to be everything for everybody. Mike Layman

mlayman@mtaonline.net

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 12:48 AM
To: Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: Re: Conoco Meeting Briefing Document

Thanks!

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From: "Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 00:47:01

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Rutherford, Martha K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>,"Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Subject: Conoco Meeting Briefing Document

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can go over any questions or additional information at that time.

-Pat

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [kris.perry@alaska.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 5:40 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: documentary

Tomorrow at 12:30, Sprocketheads will be filming a quick sound byte of you at the airport. The location will be in the general vicinity of the Alaska Airlines check-in (they are unable to pin point exact until they are on-site). This is for a documentary that they are doing on Martin Buser. It will be brief, about 10 minutes. They will ask you to comment on your friendship with Martin and what he means to Alaska.

The gentleman's name is Steve. He said he has done work with you before.

I also shared with Bob that it is not necessary for airport personnel to greet and escort.

Kris

Unknown

From: abaker@polarexpressalaska.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 2:45 PM
To: fek9wnr@yahoo.com
Subject: [FWD: LETTER TEXT]

I would like to take a moment to introduce you to Polar Express, a new and exciting opportunity for Alaskans that will provide a choice in air travel in our beautiful State.

Polar Express Group LLC is majority owned by Alaskan natives, and is managed by Alaskan Natives and long-time Alaskan residents. Our business was conceived by and is owned by long time Alaskans that want to provide private and public charters within Alaska with a Boeing 737 aircraft that we have leased from Sky King, Inc. in California.

After careful study of the intra-Alaska market, we determined that the best place to start is between Anchorage and Prudhoe Bay. The idea was to provide an alternative for the workers in Prudhoe Bay and to make more seats available to the residents of North Slope communities. The simple fact is that with all the work going on in the oil patch, it is difficult to get a seat to and from Anchorage. Polar Express wants to offer a good schedule, six days a week between Anchorage and Prudhoe Bay.

This aircraft would be available for other charter work around the state, too. Larger groups that currently have no opportunity to travel except on public flights would find a reasonably priced alternative with just a phone call.

The hitch is that there is a law that was passed in 1977 that prevents operators of large aircraft from providing service between two points in Alaska, unless they were already established in Alaska. That means no new big airplane operations! Because we want to do things right, Polar Express Group LLC filed for operating authority on behalf of Skyking, Inc. to conduct public and private charters within Alaska. If you want to read the law, you can check it out at http://law.justia.com/us/codes/title49/49usc41104.html.

Within 90 days of Polar Express' start up, it is our intention to have Alaskan flight and cabin crews flying the airplane. All present and future jobs at Polar Express are new jobs and are not displacing anyone from their work. Polar Express would also support a host of vendors to service the aircraft and passengers. This effort would provide new air travel service to Alaskans, create more money in our state economy, and provide new jobs to Alaskans.

We Need Your Help!

This effort is in a public comment period, and ANY organization, entity or individual can comment as a matter of public record. This public comment period ends on August 3. If you, anyone you know, or even your employer support what Polar Express is trying to accomplish, then please make your opinion known to the DOT and the rest of Alaska!

Please show your support by clicking on this link:
https://dms.dot.gov/submit/dspSubmission.cfm. The docket number is "28795" (The full number is OST-2007-28795). The Operating Administration is "OST." Complete the remaining information and let your voice be heard! Spread the word! Please support this Alaskan Native business by posting your public comment by August 3.

Polar Express is working hard to give Alaskans a choice in their travel options. We welcome the opportunity to serve you in the near future. If you have questions, you can call us at 907-245-5111.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Andy Baker, President
Polar Express Group LLC

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 5:05 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Graveside Svc. for PFC

Governor – I just received the notification of the graveside service for Private First Class Jessy S. Rogers of Copper Center. The service will be held Monday, August 6 @ 2:30 p.m. It will be at the Ft. Richardson Cemetery. The family is aware that you may be attending (this has not been confirmed). This is listed on your calendar with driving directions. Thank you, Janice

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 6:20 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: FW: tomorrow

Governor - Here is the outline for the reception tomorrow evening in Juneau. I have added this information to your calendar also. Thanks, Janice

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 5:17 PM

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: FW: tomorrow

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From: Paulette Simpson [mailto:paulettem@gci.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 5:05 PM

To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: tomorrow

Hi Erika,

Here's an outline for tomorrow:

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From: Frye, Ivy J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=IJFRYE]

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 11:31 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; Clark; Christopher G (GOV); Kris Perry; Saddler; Daniel R (GOV)

Subject: Task Force to Review the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Hi Governor,

You may recall signing 15 bills into law on July 3rd. One of those bills was HB 215, sponsored by Rep. Anna Fairclough.

HB 215 establishes the task force to review the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. This task force would prepare and present a report to the full Legislature by March 1, 2008 – and then will be repealed on April 16, 2008. The task force would bring members of the Legislature and administration together with members of the public to have frank and comprehensive discussions about the council and the issues it addresses.

Rep. Fairclough's chief-of-staff is staffing the task force and has scheduled the first meeting this Friday (Aug. 3rd) to elect a chair and to set a six-month agenda before Rep. Fairclough leaves town for the next three weeks.

As governor, you appoint 5 members of your administration (a representative from Law, Corrections, Education, DHSS, and Public Safety), and two public members (1 from a pop. of less than 2,500 and 1 from a pop. of more than 2,500). I've contacted your commissioners and their special assistants to see whom they recommend for this board, as well as talked to Rep. Fairclough and the executive directors of the Network on DVSA and the Council on DVSA to come up with public member recommendations.

Here are the names that have come forward from your commissioners for your review:
Corrections: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Education: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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DHSS: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Public Safety: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Law: Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Here are the names that have come forward from Rep. Fairclough, and people interested in serving in public seats:

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I can brief you more tomorrow, I just wanted to make sure you had a heads up as this progresses. Thank you for your time Governor! Hope all is well up north.

See you soon,

Ivy Frye
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From:	Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent:	Tuesday, July 31, 2007 5:21 PM
To:	gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject:	Extradiction

I have a new extradition request. There is an outstanding arrest warrant for Michael Cottings on four counts of nonsupport of dependents from the State of Ohio. Everything looks in order so I will sign the order and get it back to the Criminal Division at the Department of Law.

Mike

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:54 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Email

Will do. I will get back to you soon.

Mike

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:33 AM

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Email

I haven't heard back from Denby or Campbell on my request to extend hunting season for AK troops at war. (I wrote the email Sunday)

Mike - would u follow up w/them? I hate to bug and remind people - that's why any acknowledgement of my "sent" emails is so appreciated, I at least know they recvd the message. Pls let them know of my directive on that, and they can re-read Sunday's email if they need more info on it. Thanks

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From: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LLHARTIG]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 8:21 AM
To: 'chuck heath'
Cc: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Discussing climate change ideas

Hi Chuck,

I am interested in hearing your thoughts on the direction we need to be taking on adapting to the effects of climate change. We are working with the University of Alaska. I have met several times with Dan White, who is their lead engineering person on climate change issues, and on the list of experts you provided. The University's Vice Chancellor of Research, Buck Sharpton, has been appointed by President Hamilton as their liaison to the Climate Change sub-cabinet.

If you have time to talk today (Tuesday,) I am open at 2 pm or 4 pm. We have a Climate Change sub-cabinet meeting starting at 10 am tomorrow. The morning session of the meeting is open to the public. You are certainly welcome to attend. Please see our website at: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/public_notices.htm for more information about the meeting. The meeting is at DEC's Environmental Health Lab as described in the public notice.

If it is more convenient for you, we could get together when you get back in town. Please let me know what works best for you.

Thanks,

Larry

-----Original Message-----

From: chuck heath [mailto:chckheath@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 10:33 AM

To: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)

Cc: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Re: Discussing climate change ideas

HI Larry,

Thanks for contacting me. Sarah might have told you

that I just returned from a two week class/symposium

on climate change and coastal erosion in the Arctic.

The general feeling among most of the scientists is that the earth is going through a natural warming cycle (human emissions probably account for only 1-2% of it) and that the accelerated coastal erosion we're experiencing is decreasing the albedo effect and greatly increasing solar absoption in the oceans, which in turn further warms the atmosphere and leads to even more erosion and permafrost melting. I can make this clearer to you when we meet.

Since this cycle seems to be mostly natural (I know, not politically what everyone wants to hear), the state's focus should be on adaptation to the changes that seem to be inevitable. This is not to say we shouldn't be concerned about cutting emissions. That should still be a focus; cutting emissions not only keeps our environment cleaner, but decreases our dependence on foreign fuel imports, etc...which is another story.

I understand you've put together an advisory team to discuss a lot of what I've mentioned above. I would hope that the team would include some of the top university scientists we have available right hear in Alaska. I met personally with Dr. Syun-Ichi Akasofu, the former director of the International Arctic Research Center, and he is more than happy to be part of it. He just returned from D.C. after addressing the United States Senate subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts. He spoke directly to them about everything I mentioned above.

I will forward an email to you from another UAF

professor (Dr. Gerhard Kramm) which includes a list of
scientists and their resumes, who would also be wiling
to be part of this.

I can meet with you sometime tomorrow or Wednesday if
you'd like. I will be leaving town Thursday for a
week.

Thanks Larry,
Chuck
--- "Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)"
<larry.hartig@alaska.gov> wrote:

> Chuck,
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> The Governor tells me you have a strong interest in
> climate change and
> ideas on what the state of Alaska needs to be doing
> in this regard. As
> she may have told you, I chair the Alaska Climate
> Change Sub-cabinet
> formed by the Governor. The sub-cabinet is new. We
> are working on a
> draft Climate Change Strategy for the Governor's
> consideration.
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> If you would be interested in discussing your ideas
> on climate change
> with me, I would like to schedule a time to do this.
> I would also be

> interested in hearing how climate change topics are
> being taught in the
> classroom.
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> Please contact me either by email or phone. My
> direct line in Anchorage
> is Privileged.
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> Thanks for your interest. I hope we can talk soon.
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> Larry Hartig
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> Commissioner of the Alaska Dept. of Environmental
> Conservation
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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 6:06 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Knik and Gravina Re: Meeting Wednesday August 1

I talked to McKinnon and Leo today. Everything is still on hold on the bridge. The notice to proceed for the design work has not gone out. The Lt. Gov when visiting Ketchikan also passed along that there are funding issues and selection the most expensive option was definitely not viable. The road project on the island is continuing but there is not much we can do there. It was a federal earmark that we can not use on anything else. Also since the award was already made to the contractor prior to us coming in we would have been exposed to damages to the contractor and even paying the feds back if were to stop the work.

We do need to get an update on KABATA. I asked DOT about the article in the Frontiersman today. They were confused as well and called the paper to inquire. I was told that the following correction will be run.

Mike

Mike,

The Frontiersman will be printing this correction to their article. It corrects some numbers, but remains somewhat confusing

John

A Sunday, July 29 article in The Frontiersman, "DOT May Change Its Priorities For Knik Bridge," should have stated that funding for the Knik Arm Bridge will rise if the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority can organize private sector and public funding. Also, the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan identified $1.4 billion in annual transportation needs, rather than the $6 billion figure quoted. The Frontiersman regrets the error.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 9:46 AM

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Von Scheben, Leo (DOT); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Knik and Gravina Re: Meeting Wednesday August 1

Im sure we can find time - and as for Kabata, I hope folks know my intention is to continue to NOT support the nonsensical notion that the state can fund Gravina and/or Knik Crossing. If the feds can't fund these projects that have minimal public support, then they're not going to happen.

I am very frustrated to hear that funds are being spent on Gravina, still, yet the project does NOT have my support bc of the funding issues, long-term.

Mike - PLEASE tell DOT their actions makes us look inconsistent (and clueless) and Federal officals will take it out on us with future funding requests bc of all the "problems" we're having to clean up - including corruption and missplaced priorities from the past.

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:17:40

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Meeting Wednesday August 1

Dear Governor Palin and Mr. Tibbles, I will be in Juneau tomorrow, Wednesday August 1, is there a time when we could meet to review:

The Marine Mammal Protection Act

The latest request on KABATA and the report I have on what is likely coming

The plan of action I have for the VECO matter based on our last meeting, it is a two page memo which I would like to confirm your approval of before I initiate it.

Any time tomorrow would be fine. Thanks

Talis

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [joe.balash@alaska.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 8:46 AM

To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Here's the older format...

...sorry

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Palin
FROM: Joe Balash

DATE: 7/31/07
PHONE: (907) 465-4022

SUBJECT: Meeting with Alaska Conservation Alliance 7/31/07

Attendees/Organizational Background
The Alaska Conservation Alliance is the umbrella organization that ties most of the conservation groups in Alaska together under a single banner. There are approximately 40 member organizations. It is organized as 501(c)(3) non-profit organization funded by member contributions as well as donations raised from the large grant-making institutions around the country.

They meet twice a year, in May and November, to organize and coordinate the member groups to revise strategies and identify emerging issues. ACA lobbies the legislature and has a sister-organization, the Alaska Conservation Voters, to influence elections around the state. I believe you attended a candidate's forum

ACA is led by executive director Kate Troll. You met Kate this spring when she was meeting with me about ACA's legislative agenda. She plays basketball and may bring that up as a means of fostering a relationship with you. Kate also penned an op-ed piece supporting AGIA this past spring and she attended the signing ceremony in Fairbanks.

A separate sheet listing the individual attendees and their respective organizations follows. They would like you to comment on and discuss with you the following subjects.

Climate Change
Climate change is the issue for conservation groups today—including those in Alaska. Nearly all policy items on their agenda can be tied back to climate change one way or another. The leading human cause for climate change is, of course, carbon dioxide. As such, they are most interested in the carbon "footprint" of a given project, activity, or policy.

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So, what can be done to reduce Alaska's carbon footprint? The biggest single thing we can do is get as many of our communities off of diesel generated electricity. Which leads nicely into the next subject.

Renewable Energy
The Department of Natural Resources is currently conducting an inventory of alternative energy supplies across Alaska. This builds on work begun by Renewable Energy for Alaska Program (REAP) in cooperation with AIDEA/AEA last year. The information is largely already in existence, but needs to be brought together in one place—a Geographic Information System—so that planners can identify what fuel sources are near to a given location and then match up the appropriate technology with the fuel source. Funds for this effort were requested and approved in the recent capital budget.

In addition to alternative fuels, we are looking at the enormous hydro power potential in Southeast Alaska. AEA continues to define the feasibility of an intertie connection into British Columbia that would make clean, green hydro power available to Northwest and West Coast power markets. It is believed that such power would be attractive in California, where Governor Schwartzenegger believes they have set off the next rush—a rush for green energy rather than gold.

There are some seasonal problems with hydro as well as wind. Because of this, these are not ideal energy sources for baseload power. However, they do complement each other and may be able to provide a unique combination that result in truly "green" baseload power. Investors with the American Insurance

Group (AIG) are seeking an audience with you to pursue a potential project that would utilize SE AK hydro and combine it with British Columbia wind and deliver it all via subsea cable to California. A willingness to meet with AIG would demonstrate to this group that you are open to innovative ideas and projects that fit with their overall agenda...even though there are a lot of things you will part ways over (ANWR, off-shore drilling that is supported by locals).

Another renewable energy discussion point is a piece of legislation sponsored by Speaker Harris and currently resting, quietly, in Bert Stedman's Senate Finance Committee. It would set up a renewable energy fund that would support projects, primarily on the railbelt, that utilize renewable energy. The big question is, where will the funds for this endowment come from? One-time surpluses from a non-renewable resource like oil makes some sense. Another option may be the Railbelt Energy Fund, which lives to be spent yet again thanks to your line-item vetoes last month.

While not directly related to renewable energy or climate change, there is some benefit to coordinated planning for electricity generation for the years ahead. The AEA kicked off its study of the Unified Systems Operator concept last week and we are looking forward to results at the end of the year. If we can coordinate the planning, development, and operation of electricity generation plants, the co-ops can identify the most efficient plants out there for future power needs. More efficiency means lower costs for consumers, but also lower fuel demands per kW of electricity. That is attractive to these groups.

Mega Transportation Projects
The two big projects these groups are most interested in are the Juneau Access Project and the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority project. Russ Kelly has already provided you with information on these projects.

cc: Mike Tibbles, COS